

CLAIMS

The invention is claimed as follows:

1. A gaming device operated under the control of a processor, said
5 gaming device comprising:
 - a wagering game controlled by the processor;
 - a display device controlled by the processor;
 - an input device connected operably to the processor; and
 - a cash out menu selectively displayed by the display device
- 10 when a player selects the input device, the cash out menu enabling the player to request a payout to the player of a first amount of the player's money credited at the game in a first form and a transfer of a second amount of the money to a casino account, wherein the first form is different than the casino account.
- 15 2. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the wagering game is selected from the group consisting of: slot, poker, keno, blackjack, craps and bingo.
- 20 3. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the first form is selected from the group consisting of: coins, tokens, a ticket, a credit card crediting, a debit card crediting, a promotional ticket, a jackpot ticket and any combination thereof.
- 25 4. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the casino account is accessible via a player tracking card.
5. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the casino account is communicated through a player tracking card network.
- 30 6. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the casino account is accessible with a device different than a player tracking card.

7. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the casino account is communicated through a network different than a player tracking card network.
- 5 8. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the casino account is communicated through a ticketing network.
9. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the casino account is accessible at multiple casinos.
- 10 10. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the casino account is accessible for non-gaming purchases.
11. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the casino account is accessible for transferring funds between multiple machines.
- 15 12. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein said the cashout menu includes a selector that enables the player to select the first amount.
- 20 13. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the cashout menu includes a selector that enables the player to select the second amount.
- 25 14. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the cashout menu includes input devices configured so that the first and second amounts do not necessarily add to a total cash out.
- 30 15. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein increasing the first amount automatically decreases the second amount and increasing the second amount automatically decreases the first amount.
16. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the cash out menu includes a display of an addition of the first amount of the player's money and the second amount of the player's money.

17. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the cash out menu includes a cancel selector that cancels the request.

18. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the cash out menu
5 includes a selector that returns the player to the wagering game.

19. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the cash out menu includes a selector that enables the player to transfer funds between multiple machines.

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20. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the game is provided via a data network to a computer storage device.

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21. The gaming device of Claim 20, wherein the data network includes an internet.

22. A gaming device operable under the control of a processor, said gaming device comprising:

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a wagering game controlled by the processor;

a display device controlled by the processor; and

a cashout menu selectively displayed by the display device, the cashout menu enabling a player to request a payout to the player of a first amount of the player's money credited currently to the game on a ticket and a transfer of a second amount of the money to a casino account.

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23. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the wagering game is selected from the group consisting of: slot, poker, keno, blackjack, craps and bingo.

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24. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the casino account is accessible via a player tracking card.

25. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the casino account is communicated through a player tracking card network.

26. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the casino account is
5 accessible with a device different than a player tracking card.

27. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the casino account is communicated through a network different than a player tracking card network.

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28. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the casino account is communicated through a ticketing network.

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29. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the first and second amounts are player selectable.

30. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the casino account is accessible at multiple casinos.

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31. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the casino account is accessible for non-gaming purchases.

32. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the casino account is accessible for transferring funds between multiple machines.

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33. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein increasing the first amount automatically decreases the second amount and increasing the second amount automatically decreases the first amount.

34. A networking system for a plurality of gaming devices, said system comprising:

a plurality of gaming devices located at a gaming establishment, each gaming device operating a game upon a wager by a player;

5 a server computer and a communications link linking the server computer to the plurality of gaming devices;

a ticketing system accessible through the gaming devices; and

a fund transfer account program controlled by the server computer, the program operable to receive a monetary amount upon a

10 cashout at one of the gaming devices by the player and to enable the player at a later time to retrieve the monetary amount.

35. The system of Claim 34, wherein the server computer is located in the same establishment as the multiple gaming devices.

15 36. The system of Claim 34, wherein the server computer is located in a different establishment as the multiple gaming devices.

20 37. The system of Claim 34, wherein the communications link also communicates ticketing information to and from the gaming devices.

38. The system of Claim 34, wherein the server computer also controls a player tracking program offered by the establishment.

25 39. The system of Claim 34, wherein the communications link also communicates player tracking information from the gaming devices.

40. The system of Claim 34, which includes a cashout menu displayed by the gaming devices that enables the player to selectively 30 transfer at least a portion of the player's money to the program upon the cash out.

41. The system of Claim 34, wherein besides the fund transfer account, the gaming devices provide at least one additional mode of player selectable cash out payment.

5 42. The system of Claim 41, wherein the additional mode is selected from the group consisting of: coins, tokens, a ticket, a credit card crediting a debit card crediting, a player tracking card crediting, a jackpot crediting and any combination thereof.

10 43. The system of Claim 34, wherein the player is enabled to retrieve selectable portions of the monetary amount at the later time.

44. The system of Claim 34, wherein the player is enabled to retrieve the monetary amount at one of the gaming devices.

15 45. The system of Claim 34, wherein the player is enabled to retrieve the monetary amount at a location distinct from the gaming device.

20 46. The system of Claim 34, wherein the gaming device is a first gaming device, and wherein the monetary amount is able to be retrieved at a second gaming device.

25 47. The system of Claim 46, wherein the monetary amount is a first monetary amount, and wherein a second monetary amount is able to be retrieved at a third gaming device.

30 48. The system of Claim 46, wherein the player is a first player and the monetary amount is able to be retrieved at the second gaming device by a second player.

49. The system of Claim 46, wherein the monetary amount is able to be retrieved at the second gaming device by the same player.

50. The system of Claim 34, wherein the casino account is accessed via a card accepted by one of the gaming devices, and wherein the card is additionally accepted at locations within a gaming establishment that are distinct from the gaming devices.

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51. The system of Claim 34, wherein the card is additionally accepted at locations outside the gaming establishment.

52. A method for operating a gaming device, said method comprising:

(a) enabling a player to request a cash out of an amount of the player's money including a first portion of the player's money in a first form and a second portion of the player's money in a transfer to a casino account, wherein the first form is different than the casino account;

(b) transferring the first portion of the amount to the player in the first form; and

(c) during the same cash out, transferring the second portion of the amount to the casino account.

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53. The method of Claim 52, wherein step (a) includes providing a menu that displays the different payment forms to the player.

54. The method of Claim 52, wherein step (a) includes providing the menu when the player selects a cash out input device provided on the gaming device.

55. The method of Claim 52, wherein step (a) includes displaying on the menu the sum of the first portion and the second portion of the amount.

56. The method of Claim 52, wherein step (a) includes displaying on the menu an input that triggers payment of all the player's money in the first form.

57. The method of Claim 52, wherein step (a) includes displaying on the menu an input that triggers a crediting of all the player's money to the casino account.

- 5 58. The method of Claim 52, which includes enabling the player to transfer a third portion of the amount to a different gaming device.